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not employ the employee as an announcer, news editor, or chief engineer, is not exempt work. Work which is not performed for the station by which the employee is employed, is not intended to be exempt. For a discussion of the effect on the exemption of nonexempt work see §§ 793.19 to 793.21.

§ 793.14 Employed by.

The application of the exemption is limited to employees “employed by” a radio or television station. The question whether a worker is employed “by” a radio or television station depends on the particular facts. (See *Rutherford Food Corporation v. McComb*, 331 U.S. 722; *U.S. v. Silk*, 331 U.S. 704.) In general, however, an employee is so employed where he is hired by the radio or television station, engages in its work, is paid by the radio or television station and is under its supervision and control. Employees of independent contractors and of others who work for a radio or television station but who are not “employed by” such station are not exempt under this exemption even if they engage in the named occupation. (*Mitchell v. Kroger*, 248, F. 2d 935.)

§ 793.15 Duties away from the station.

An employee who is “employed by” a radio or television station in one or more of the named occupations may perform his work at the station or away from the station so long as his activities meet the requirements for exemption.

§ 793.16 “Radio or television station.”

The employee must be employed by a “radio or television station.” A radio or television station is one which is designated and licensed as such by the Federal Communications Commission.

§ 793.17 “Major studio.”

The exemption further depends on whether “the major studio” of the radio or television station which employs the employee is in a city or town as defined in section 13(b)(9). The location of secondary studios of the radio or television station is immaterial. It is the location of the “major” studio that determines the qualification of the employer for the exemption.

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A major studio for purposes of the exemption is the main studio of the radio or television station as designated on the station’s license by the Federal Communications Commission. It is this major studio which must be located in the city or town as defined in section 13(b)(9) of the Act.

§ 793.18 Location of “major studio.”

Section (b)(9) specifies that the “major studio” must be located “(A) in a city or town of one hundred thousand population or less according to the latest available decennial census figures as compiled by the Bureau of the Census, except where such city or town is part of a standard metropolitan statistical area, as defined and designated by the Bureau of the Budget, which has a total population in excess of one hundred thousand or (B) in a city or town of twenty-five thousand population or less, which is part of such an area but is at least 40 airline miles from the principal city in such area.” These tests may be summarized as follows:

(a) *A city or town with more than 100,000 population.* The exemption does not apply to any employee of a radio or television station the major studio of which is located in any city or town with a population in excess of 100,000.

(b) *A city or town with 100,000 population or less.* The exemption may apply if the major studio is located in a city or town of not more than 100,000 population: *Provided*, That the city or town is not within a standard metropolitan statistical area which has more than 100,000 population.

(c) *A city or town with 25,000 population or less.* The exemption may apply even if the major studio is located in a city or town that is within a standard metropolitan statistical area which has more than 100,000 population: *Provided*, That such city or town has a population or not more than 25,000 and the city or town is at least 40 airline miles from the principal city in such area.

(d) *Sources of information.* The Bureau of the Budget issues periodically a booklet entitled “Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas”, which lists and describes these areas in the United States and Puerto Rico. The booklet lists the standard metropolitan statistical areas by name and shows their